

RULES AND REGULATIONS.

The Board of Health of the Town of Groton, Mass., hereby makes and publishes as required by public Statutes of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the following Regulations for the public health and safety:

Extract Public Statutes, Chap. 80, Sec. 18.

The Board shall make such regulation as it judges necessary for the public health and safety. * * * Whoever violates any such regulation shall forfeit a sum not exceeding one hundred dollars.

Contagious Diseases.

Rule 1. When a Physician knows that a person whom he is called to visit is infected with small pox, diphtheria, scarlet fever, or any other disease dangerous to public health, he shall immediately give notice to the Board of Health.

Rule 2. When a householder knows that a person within his family is sick of small pox, diphtheria, or scarlet fever, he shall immediately give notice to the Board of Health, and shall notify the public in a manner approved by the Board of Health of the existence of a contagious disease within his household, and upon the death, recovery, or removal of such person, the rooms occupied and the articles used by him shall be disinfected by such householder in a

manner approved by the Board of Health. The Board considers that varioloid, membranous croup, measles and typhoid fever, are dangerous to the public health within the meaning of the foregoing rules, and requires immediate notification of their existence.

- Rule 3. No pupil shall be allowed to attend the public schools while any member of the household, to which said pupil belongs, is sick with small pox, varioloid diphtheria, membranous croup, scarlet fever, or measles, or during a period of two weeks after the death, recovery, or removal of such person, and any pupil coming from such household shall be required to present to the teacher of the school the pupil desires to attend a certificate from the attending physician of the facts necessary to entitle him to admission in accordance with the above regulation.

Rule 4. In case of any of the diseases mentioned in Rule 3, the patient must, as far as possible, be nursed by only one person, and no member of the family coming in daily contact with the patient shall be allowed in public. No member of another household shall be allowed to enter the sick room, except in the capacity of nurse or physician.

- Rule 5. In scarlet fever no patient will be considered well and freed from isolation until the attending physician or a physician employed by the Board of Health certifies that he has personally inspected the patient, found that the period of desquamation has ceased, and that the patient is no longer a source of danger. No such certificate will be received by the Board of Health until at least three weeks have elapsed from the beginning of the illness.

Rule 6. When an undertaker is called to a house where a person has died of any disease mentioned in Rule 3, he shall give immediate notice thereof to the Board of Health. As soon as possible after the death of a person from one of the foregoing diseases a private funeral shall be held at which none but the immediate adult relatives shall be present and the casket must be closed and the body shall in no case be carried to the grave in a hack or other public conveyance, but shall be removed and buried under direction of the Board of Health, and no person shall obstruct, hinder or oppose such removal or burial.

Rule 7. All bedding and personal clothing, or other personal property affected with contagion or infection, shall be disposed of, or treated as the Board of Health shall direct.

Rule 8. The foregoing rules, relative to contagious diseases, shall be in force until the Board of Health removes from the premises, where the illness has occurred, the placards which notify the public of the existence of the disease, and such placards shall not in any case be removed, except by the Board of Health or their order.

Animals.

Rule 9. Whoever has knowledge of, or has good reason to suspect the existence of a contagious disease among any species of domestic animals, whether such knowledge is obtained by personal inspection or otherwise, shall forthwith give notice to the Board of Health, and no animals affected with an infectious or contagious disease shall be brought within the limits of the town.

No diseased animal or its flesh shall be sold or offered for sale, and no decayed, diseased, or unwholesome meat,

fish, vegetables, fruit, or other articles of food, shall be sold or offered for sale in the town, and no poultry, except it be alive, shall be sold or exposed for sale until it has been properly dressed by the removal of the crop and entrails, when containing food.

Rule 10. No person shall place or cast any vegetable or dead animal substance, or any house offal or ashes into any street, lane, passageway, cesspool, or sewer. Nor shall any person place, sweep, or deposit any dirt, sawdust, soot, ashes, cinders, shreds, shavings, hair, manure, oyster or lobster shells, or any rubbish, offal, or filth of any kind, in or upon any public place without a license from the Board of Health, and no person shall throw any dead animal or fowl into any reservoir, pool, canal, river, or water within the town, nor cause any animal to be drowned in said waters.

Rule 11. Every owner or occupant of any building shall keep such building and the yard belonging thereto, free from all filth and substances liable to produce offensive odors and sickness.

Rule 12. All putrid or decayed, or decaying animal or vegetable matter, shall be removed from cellars and out-buildings on or before the first day of June in each year. No fish, slaughter house offal, or other decaying animal matter shall be left or permitted to remain upon land for purposes of fertilization more than twenty-four hours without being ploughed in, or otherwise rendered inoffensive.

Slaughter Houses.

Rule 13. No slaughter house or abbatoir shall be used within the limits of the town, unless kept free from all obnoxious smells, and no melting or rendering house shall be established or used as such except by permission and location of this Board, and no person shall clean, scale or wash fish or meat, or throw the offal thereof upon any street, lane, alley, or public grounds of the town.

Rule 14. The owner or occupant at his own expense shall remove any nuisance, source of filth, or cause of sickness found on private property, within twenty-four hours, or such other time as the Board of Health directs, and if the owner or occupant neglects so to do, he shall forfeit the sum not exceeding twenty dollars for every day during which he knowingly permits such nuisance or cause of sickness to remain after the time prescribed for the removal thereof.

Stables, Etc.

Rule 15. The owner or occupant of a building in which domestic animals of any kind are kept shall not use the cellar under the same for the storage of manure, or privy vaults, or as an outlet for sink drains or filth of any kind, if such cellar is within fifty feet of a well of water used for domestic or culinary purposes, and no sewer drain, not water tight, shall be allowed to pass within fifty feet of any well or other source of water supply used for culinary purposes, and no person shall allow any pool of stagnant water to be and remain upon his premises after notice to remove the same by the Board of Health.

House Drainage.

Rule 16. No person shall allow the drainage from any house or barn, cellar, water closet, sink, or bath tubs, to enter the sewers in any of the streets of the town without permission the of Board of Health, and no person shall allow the drainage from water closets, sinks, or bath tubs, in private dwellings to accumulate upon the surface of the ground so as to cause sickness or offensive ordors, and no water closet shall be placed in an unventilated room, or compartment, or in the cellar of a hotel, lodging, or tenement house.

Keeping of Swine, or Other Animals.

Rule 17. No person shall keep swine or goats where they will cause offensive odors or sickness, and shall remove them when requested to do so by the Board of Health.

Hens.

Rule 18. All persons keeping hens or other fowls upon their premises, so as to cause offensive odors, shall remove them when ordered by the Board of Health.

Refrigerators.

Rule 19. No person shall use a refrigerator in the Town that the waste pipe is connected with a soil or drain-pipe, and all refrigerators shall be kept sweet and clean and open to the inspection of the Board of Health at any time.

Rule 20. Whenever it shall appear to the Board of Health that any cellar lot or vacant land is a nuisance, or in such condition that it may probably become dangerous to the public health, they shall cause the same to be drained,

filled up, or otherwise prevented from becoming or remaining a cause of nuisance, or sickness, and shall charge all reasonable expenses incurred, in so doing, to the owners or parties occupying such cellar, lot or land, provided that notice shall have first been given and forty-eight hours allowed the owner or occupant to abate said nuisance.

Burials.

Rule 21. No person having in charge any cemetery or burial ground, within the town of Groton, shall permit a body to be interred therein, unless he receives a written permit of the Board of Health for such burial.

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